



SCRABBLE® in the Computer Lab



Scrabble board with students' game in progress.

VITA students participated in a brief form of the popular game, SCRABBLE® for four weeks in the computer lab . This tournament gave lab participants

a chance to try out their new vocabulary and spelling skills. The games were held on Thursdays and open to all students.

Each student picked seven tiles and had the opportunity to make the best word with the selected letters. Students then placed their word on the board, and totaled their scores. In addition to practicing vocabulary and spelling skills, students

developed their math skills as well.

Congratulations to the winners who won a VITA coffee mug :

Week One: Rolkame Louis
Week Two: Sunny Palmer
Week Three: Sherlynn Washington
Week Four: Starlar Ambrose

By Audrey Martin

New Websites, New Books

Check out these new websites and books that you and your student(s) will enjoy using:

- **www.alison.com** — free online learning website with tutorials in *Microsoft Office* products, workplace skills, and computing basics.
- **www.gcflearnfree.org** — funded by Goodwill

Community Foundation, provides computer technology, math and money basics, career and workplace development, and other everyday life skills.

- **Novel Scenes** — by New Readers Press episodic stories that help to improve TABE skills such as paraphrasing, summarizing, and predicting outcomes.

Includes several reading levels.

- **Celebrity Readers** — by Remedia Publications short stories in fun-to-read format with comprehension activities. Titles include: *Famous Male Sports Stars, Famous Actors, Famous Musicians.*

Books available at VITA library.

Students Visit Lafayette Children's Museum

On Wednesday, May 4, 2011 students and staff walked to the Children's Museum (CMA) and the main branch of the Lafayette Public Library. In an effort to promote family literacy, students participated in a self-guided tour and checked out children's books at the public library. In

addition to the tours, students received the children's book, *Fancy Nancy at the Art Museum*, to read to young children.

"It was a beautiful day for a walk and an excellent opportunity for the students to be exposed to a new learning environment," stated Janel Fontenot, staff member who

planned the field trip.



Students Brenda Daniel, Angelia Potier, and Starlar Ambrose view a health exhibit at CMA.